



Council on Child
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GOVERNOR DUCEY'S OFFICE OF YOUTH, FAITH AND FAMILY
COUNCIL ON CHILD SAFETY AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

Outreach Subcommittee

June 6, 2019
10:00 AM

1700 West Washington Street Suite 230
Conference Room A
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Outreach Subcommittee was convened on June 6, 2019, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family, Suite 230 Conference Room A, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. Notice having been duly given.

Members Present (6)	
Katie O'Dell, Chair	
Jenica McMaster, Co-Chair	
Cody Fort (on phone)	
Laura Magruder (on phone)	
Julie O'Dell	
Richard Yarbough	
Members Absent (4)	Staff/Guests Present (1)
Paul Mulligan	Terrilyn Miller
Warren Stewart, Jr.	
Robin Pearson	
Steve Vogel	

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Katie O'Dell, Chair, called the Outreach Subcommittee meeting to order at 10:23 AM with six members and one staff present and four members absent.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Jenica McMaster, Co-Chair, welcomed the Subcommittee members and made introductions.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Katie O'Dell requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019 Outreach Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Richard Yarbough motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Julie O' Dell seconded. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

4. VIDEO DISCUSSION

Ms. O'Dell and Ms. McMaster shared they are waiting on the quote for proposed video edits.

5. DISCUSS FUTURE GOALS

Ms. O'Dell asked for recommendations on what the Outreach Subcommittee could focus on next. Mr. Yarbough suggested a community forum that would enhance community awareness and provide resources. Members brainstormed ideas before narrowing the focus to common questions families have in regards to caring for their children in context of understanding the role of the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS). Proposed topics included:

- Guidelines for when it is appropriate to leave a child/children home alone.
- Mandated reporting and who is mandated to report.
- Reporting criteria.
- What is an offense.
- Levels of report and what that means.
- What to expect and if contacted by DCS
- Stay calm when answering questions. DCS wants to hear your side.
- DCS increased requirements for kinship/ foster families.
- Encouraging kinship parents to have a written guardianship plan in the event they pass away.
- Understanding the cultural differences in parenting styles.
- Informing grandparents that discipline looks different now than it did when they were young.

Members discussed who would be the best source to answer these type topics and what communities to host a forum in. Ms. Julie O'Dell and Mr. Yarbough shared with the subcommittee the work of the African American Children and Families (AACF) Subcommittee, chaired by Mr. Roy Dawson. They explained the AACF subcommittee is hosting Focus Groups to solicit responses from community members in three targeted geographical areas as to their experiences with the DCS. It was recommended that the Outreach Subcommittee collaborate with the AACF Subcommittee by including the AACF Focus Group findings in the topics covered in the Forum, and then holding the Forums in the same communities. Ms. Katie O'Dell requested a motion to pursue planning a community Forum as discussed for the next Outreach goal, Ms. Julie O'Dell motioned to approve. Mr. Yarbough seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

In preparation for the next Outreach Subcommittee, Ms. Julie O'Dell agreed to identify who from the DCS to answer the proposed questions and needs. Mr. Yarbough agreed to reach out to Mr. Dawson to discuss collaborating.

6. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Members agreed to add the Forum discussion to the next subcommittee meeting agenda.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- August 7, 2019 (2nd Thursday)

8. ADJOURN

Ms. Katie O'Dell requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. O'Dell moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Yarbough. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM with no dissenting votes.